

Parking Amendments - Wychwood Avenue

Date: January 16, 2018
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto East York District
Wards: Ward 21, St. Paul's

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to reduce the corner parking prohibition on the east side of Wychwood Avenue, south of St. Clair Avenue West, from 30.5 metres to 15 metres to provide additional on-street parking. The recommended change will help address parking demand for parents dropping-off and picking-up children at a day care centre located on the east side of Wychwood Avenue and will also provide additional parking for area residents and patrons of businesses along the St. Clair Avenue West commercial strip.

The recommendations in this report also address several inconsistencies between the current parking regulations on Wychwood Avenue and the Toronto Municipal Code.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District, recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit parking at all times on the east side of Wychwood Avenue, between St. Clair Avenue West and a point 15 metres south.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing ten-minute maximum parking limit in effect from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Wychwood Avenue, between a point 30.5 metres south of St. Clair Avenue West (west intersection) and Ellsworth Avenue, to be in effect between a point 15 metres south of St. Clair Avenue West (west intersection) and a point 22 metres further south.

3. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing one-hour maximum parking limit in effect from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday, on the east side of Wychwood Avenue, between St. Clair Avenue West (west intersection) and Ellsworth Avenue, and the existing one-hour maximum parking limit in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, on the west side of Wychwood Avenue, between St. Clair Avenue West (west intersection) and Ellsworth Avenue.

4. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing parking prohibition in effect each Thursday, April 1st to November 30th, inclusive, on the east side of Wychwood Avenue, between St. Clair Avenue West and Alcina Avenue, to be in effect between Ellsworth Avenue and Alcina Avenue.

5. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing maximum ten-minute parking limit in effect from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Wychwood Avenue, between St. Clair Avenue West (west intersection) and Ellsworth Avenue.

6. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing parking by permit only regulation in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., daily, except each Thursday from April 1st to November 30th, inclusive, on both sides of Wychwood Avenue, between Ellsworth Avenue and St. Clair Avenue West, to be in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., daily, on both sides of Wychwood Avenue, between Ellsworth Avenue and St. Clair Avenue West.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the necessary signage installation are included within the Transportation Services 2018 Operating Budget estimates.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services was requested by Councillor Joe Mihevc to investigate the feasibility reducing the existing corner parking prohibition from 30.5 metres to 15 metres on the east side of Wychwood Avenue, south of St. Clair Avenue West. Councillor Mihevc has advised that there is an increased demand for on-street parking, particularly from parents picking-up and dropping their children at St. Michael and All Angels Day Care Centre, located on the east side of Wychwood Avenue, south of St. Clair Avenue West.

Wychwood Avenue, between St. Clair Avenue West and Ellsworth Avenue, is a north/south local road operating two-way on a pavement width of approximately 12 metres. Traffic control signals control right-of-way at the intersection of St. Clair Avenue West and Wychwood Avenue. The TTC does not operate a regularly scheduled transit service on Wychwood Avenue. The by-lawed parking regulations for this section of Wychwood Avenue are as follows:

East side

- No parking anytime, between St. Clair Avenue West and a point 30.5 metres south (statutory);
- No parking each Thursday, from April 1st to November 30th, inclusive;
- Ten-minute maximum time limit parking, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between a point 30.5 metres south of St. Clair Avenue West and Ellsworth Avenue (day care pick-up/drop-off).
- One-hour maximum parking time limit, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, and from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday;
- Parking by permit only from 12:01 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., except Thursdays, April 1st to November 30th, inclusive;
- Metered pay parking operates from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, and from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday, for a fee of \$2.00 per hour for a maximum period of three hours;
- Parking is otherwise allowed for a maximum period of three hours at other times (unsigned, statutory).

West side

- No parking anytime, between St. Clair Avenue West and a point 30.5 metres south (statutory);
- One-hour maximum parking time limit, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday;
- Parking by permit only from 12:01 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., except Thursdays, April 1st to November 30th, inclusive;
- Metered pay parking operates from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, for a fee of \$2.00 per hour for a maximum period of three hours;
- Parking is otherwise allowed for a maximum period of three hours at other times (unsigned, statutory).

Under the provisions of the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 950, parking is prohibited within 30.5 metres of all signalized intersections, unless otherwise authorized by a specific bylaw regulation. At non-signalized intersections parking is generally prohibited within 9 or 15 metres of the intersection.

At signalized intersections where one street is relatively minor compared to the other a reduction in the length of the corner parking prohibition may be considered on a site-specific basis.

Given that Wychwood Avenue, south of St. Clair Avenue West, is a local roadway with a relatively wide pavement width, the existing 30.5 metre corner parking prohibition on the east side of the street south of St. Clair Avenue West, could be reduced to 15 metres. This change will not result in any safety or operational concerns, however, it will provide approximately three additional on-street parking spaces.

Extending the existing ten-minute maximum parking limit operating times to encompass the additional parking spaces will provide a greater opportunity for parents to park, during the morning arrival and afternoon dismissal periods at the day care. At other times, the additional parking would be subject to a three-hour maximum parking limit, except between 12:01 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., daily, when parking would be allowed by permit only.

Housekeeping Issues

In the course of our investigation inconsistencies were discovered between the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 950, and the current parking regulations on Wychwood Avenue, between St. Clair Avenue West and Ellsworth Avenue. These inconsistencies will be resolved with the approval of Recommendation Nos. 3, 4, 5, and 6 of this report.

Councillor Joe Mihevc has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-2854, dated January 2018

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